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SUBJECT: HUSAK PILGRIMAGE TO THE CRIMEA, JULY 22

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1. CZECH PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SECRETARY HUSAK, ON VACATION
IN THE USSR, MET WITH SOVIET PRESIDUM CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL
SECRETARY BREZHNEV JULY 22 AT THE LATTER'S CRIMEA RETREAT,
ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE IN PRAVDA JULY 23. THE COMMUNIQUE
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INDICATES THAT THE MAJOR TOPICS DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING
WERE BILATERAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AND CSCE/HUMAN RIGHTS.
AS WITH THE COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING THE HONECKER MEETING
JULY 19, THE ACCENT WAS ON THE POSITIVE IN BILATERAL
RELATIONS. THE MEETING ITSELF WAS DESCRIBED AS
HAVING TAKEN PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF "COMRADELY MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING AND CORDIAL FRIENDSHIP."

2. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE THE COMMUNIQUE CALLS ATTENTION TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF BILATERAL SPECIALIZATION AGREEMENTS IN ENGINEERING, PARTICULARLY IN EQUIPMENT FOR ATOMIC POWER STATIONS. THESE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ARE LINKED TO CEMA LONG-TERM TARGET PROGRAMS. COMMENT: DECISION TO CONCLUDE CEMA-WIDE AGREEMENT ON PRODUCTION OF EQUIPMENT FOR ATOMIC POWER STATIONS BY 1978 WAS ONE OF CONCRETE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF RECENT 31ST CEMA COUNCIL SESSION. COMMUNIQUE THUS CALLS ATTENTION TO FACT THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SOVIET UNION HAVE SET EXAMPLE IN THIS AREA OF CEMA ECONOMIC INTEGRATION EFFORTS. END COMMENT.

3. THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES RECEIVED CURSORY TREATMENT EXCEPT THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO THE CSCE/HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE REFLECTING THE INTEREST OF THE TWO NATIONS IN DEMONSTRATING SOLIDARITY AND A COMMON SENSITIVITY TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS POSITIONS OF THE WEST. THE CONTENT OF THE TREATMENT, HOWEVER, WAS GENERAL AND NOT FOCUSED ON PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE.

4. APPARENTLY HUSAK'S VACATION CONTINUES, SINCE HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE SOVIET UNION HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS. MEANWHILE, THE ARRIVAL OF POLISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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